(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility to control the prices of medicines in the country has been entrusted to the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether it is also a fact that the prices of all manufactured and imported medicines in the country are not fixed by the said authority;

(c) if so, the percentage of total available medicines during the year 2006-07 in the country is controlled by the said authority as its right with regard to price fixation thereof; and

(d) the percentage of dividend fixed by the said institution on production cost under the formula adopted for price fixation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Yes, the 74 bulk drugs specified in the First Schedule of the Drugs (Price Control) Order' 1995 (DPCO, 95) and the formulations based thereon (including imported formulations) are under price control and their prices are fixed/revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO' 1995.

Para 7 of DPCO's 95 provides 100% MAPE (Maximum Allowable Post-Manufacturing Expenses) to cover post-manufacturing expenses in case of indigenously manufactured formulations and in case of imported finished formulations, it shall not exceed 50% of the landed cost. There is no separate percentage of dividend fixed on product cost by NPPA.

Loss making fertilizers companies

1990. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss making fertilizers units in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of loss suffered by the said units during the last three years, as on date;

(c) whether Government have received recommendations of the Barauni and Durgapur units of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and Shirdi unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) based on the report of Project and Development of India Limited, (PDIL);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have agreed to revive loss making units, particularly the said fertilizers units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be revived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The Department of Fertilizers is administratively concerned with the fertilizer production units in the Central Public Sector and in the Multi-State Gooperative Sector (having Government of India equity more than 51%) only. The details of loss making fertilizer Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) in the country at present, state-wise and the quantum of loss suffered by them during the last three years and as on date are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)	Units State wise	Quantum of Losses suffered by the PSU during the last three years			Loss as on date
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT)	1. Udyogamandal (Kerala) 2. Cochin (Kerala)	(-) 167.22	(-) 167.96	(+)235.66 (After Implementation of financial package)	(-)114.48 (Upto Dec. 2006)
Madras Fertilizers Limited (MFL)	1. Manali, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	(-)63.74	(-)58.39	(-)131.74	(-)116.44 (upto Dec. 2006)
Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL)	1. Namrup (Assam)	(-)44.17	(+)22.54 (After Adjustment of extraordinary gain of Rs. 40.21 cr.)	(-)99.77	(-)64.66 (upto Feb. 2007)

(c) to (f) HFC and FCIL are closed companies in pursuance of various Cabinet decisions in the year 2002. Shirdi is not a unit of FCIL. Sindri is a unit of FCIL. On recommendations of Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL) and other recommendations, the proposals are under consideration of the Government for revival of FCIL and HFC including Sindri unit of FCIL and Barauni and Durgapur units of HFC. No definite time frame could be indicated for revival of these companies at this stage.

Removal of chemical wastes from Union Carbide premises

†1991. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received some proposals for removal of poisonous chemical wastes after examining the same which is at present dumped at Union Carbide Factory in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are formulating any other scheme for removal of the said poisonous chemical wastes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The High Court of Madhya Pradesh has constituted a Task Force for monitoring the process of the removal of the chemical wastes lying in and around the UCIL premises while hearing the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed in Writ Petition No. 2802/2004 in the High Court. The Task Force has recommended that approximately 350 MT of various toxic wastes may be sent for incineration at the incinerator at Ankleshwar, Gujarat and approximately 40 MT of Lime Sludge may be sent to the Transportation, Storage and Disposal Facility at Pithampur, near Indore. The High Court is regularly monitoring the progress made by the Task Force and has issued necessary directions to the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.